

SEC. SHAW'S
CLOSE CALLStruck By Electric Car in
Washington Today

ROLLED ALONG GROUND

Fender of Car Fortunately Picked Him
Up and Prevented His Being
Ground Beneath the
Wheels.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Secretary of the Treasury Shaw had a narrow escape from death or serious injury this morning. As he was crossing the street in front of the department, car number 25 of the Capital Traction Company proceeding westward, struck the secretary, but luckily the fender worked promptly and picked him up. He was carried 25 or 30 feet but escaped uninjured.

GRAVE CHARGES.

Oregon Congressman May Be Mixed in
Oregon Land Frauds.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Charges have been made before the federal grand jury in Portland, implicating Senator Mitchell and Representative Herman in Oregon land frauds. Both left here last night for Portland, to defy the accusations. Both declare that they are absolutely innocent, they also agree in attributing the move against them to personal hostility. Secretary of the interior Hitchcock's telegram received by them yesterday state that Mrs. Emma Watson and others recently convicted of conspiracy in Oregon land fraud cases, have confessed, implicating them.

PLOT AGAINST CZAR.

Reported That Two Men In It Have
Hastily Left England.

Manchester, Eng., Dec. 19.—The Dispatch reports that Russian secret agents have discovered a plot against the czar, which originated in England. Two men who were suspected of being connected with the plot, left the country hurriedly on the capture of incriminating correspondence by the police. It is feared that they will reach Russia, where on account of the unrest, great difficulty will be experienced in locating them.

GUNS RECEIVED.

Oyama Get Lot and Posts Them Opposite
Kuropatkin's Right Flank.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 19.—A telegram from Mukden says that Field Marshal Oyama has received a number of heavy calibre siege guns from Dalny. The guns are of the newest type. Thirty of them have been posted opposite General Kuropatkin's right flank.

A Plague Breaks Out.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 19.—There has been an alarming outbreak of the scarlet plague in the factories in the province of Valika, where sheepskin coats for the troops are being made. There were 247 cases reported Saturday.

BRITT AND NELSON.

Fighters Will Reach 132 Pounds by
Tuesday Night.

San Francisco, Dec. 18.—Both Battling Nelson and Jimmy Britt have practically reached the 132 pounds mark for their contest Tuesday night. Today Nelson stopped his regular work and went hunting. He is declared to be fit and strong. Britt is easily coming down to the required notch, and is lessening his amount of daily work. Each man recognizes that he will face the best formidable foe in the ring and both camps take a serious view of the coming fight. That the sporting public is greatly interested in the match is shown by the advance sales. The house will probably be the greatest for many years. There is not enough betting yet to fix any standard.

SLIGHT INCREASE TO MEN.

Will Be No Strike Among Canadian Pacific
Telegraphers.

Montreal, Dec. 19.—All danger of a strike among the Canadian Pacific railroad telegraphers is over. Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, general manager, met President Perham of the Telegraphers' Brotherhood. After making concessions on both sides and granting a slight increase to the men an agreement was drawn up which was satisfactory to both parties.

To the Selectmen of Barre Town.

Editor Times: It is not the "old oaken bucket, the moss-covered bucket, which hung in the well, but it is the moss-covered trough which has stood by the side of the road and furnished the public with such good water so long, and which is now taken from the place where it has stood so long beside the road from East Barre to Barre. What is the cause? Is it because there is not enough money in the treasury to put in a new one? If so, why not bond the town; for it seems as if it was the duty of the selectmen to maintain a good trough in such a location as this. Four daily stages go over the road, besides all the other traffic. If the selectmen cannot work for the interests of the people they cannot expect to look for a reelection. Now, I wish they would exercise a little enterprise and replace the old trough on the East Barre road with one that will add to the convenience of the traveling public.

BARRE TAX PAYER.

TO END THE STRIKE.

Fall River Textile Workers Will Take
Vote Tomorrow.

Fall River, Mass., Dec. 19.—The textile council voted yesterday to submit an arbitration proposition for the settlement of the strike in the cotton mills to the individual unions, and in case of their approval, by a vote on Tuesday, to ask the Civic Federation to choose a board of arbitration.

The arbitration proposition was agreed upon by the textile council at a three-hour session. The resolution stated that as the struggle is detrimental to the best interests of the city and as efforts to settle the contest failed, it was deemed wise to submit the matter to a board of arbitration selected by the National Civic Federation and to accept as final its decision.

The labor leaders take the stand that they are satisfied to submit the settlement of the strike to arbitration and believe that it will hurt the course of the manufacturers materially if they refuse to accept the plan.

President Borden of the Manufacturers' association last night said that he did not know how the manufacturers would consider the proposition. The strike which is now entering upon its 22nd week, was declared when the manufacturers announced a new wage scale reducing the income of the operatives 12½ per cent. Thirty-seven mills and nearly 26,000 employees were involved.

TREE FELL ON HIM.

Selectman Elmer Spaulding of Bethel
Badly Injured.

Bethel, Dec. 19.—While laboring in his woods on Saturday third selectman Elmer Spaulding met with an accident, the seriousness of which is not yet known. In felling a large tree it fell into the top of another one, making a fulcrum. The lower end raised and struck Mr. Spaulding in the left side near the hip, throwing him backward. Before he could arise the tree again was on him, but fortunately in falling over other trees its trunk was raised thus relieving the imprisoned man. At last accounts he was resting at home. No bones were broken, though it is not certain about internal injuries.

CALUMETS SCOOPED
ALL THE RECORDSBarre Bowling Aggregation Didn't Leave
An Honor For Other Five Teams
Of the Vermont League
Last Week.

For the week ending Saturday last, the records of the Vermont Bowling league, composed of six teams, show that the Calumets of this city scooped everything in honors, leaving nothing whatever for the other five teams. Besides leading the league in standing by a large margin, the individual members gathered in everything in sight. Trenoweth took the pin average with 130, Averill took the spare average at 783 and, not content with that single honor, got a first mortgage on the three string total at the figure 633. Smith took the single string with 245.

Besides these miscellaneous honors, three of the team stood one, two, three in the pin average, Trenoweth 189, Averill 186 and Walsh 175. Dubuc of the Montpelier Pastimes came fourth with 174, while Smith and Byrnes of the Barre champs were fifth and sixth with 172 and 169. The other teams' stars trailed along this fashion, Bascomb 162, Morgan 163, E. Felt 156, McCarty 156, Dewey 156, Foy 155. The Captains of Montpelier won four of the six games in the double header with the Fort Ethan Allen team at the fort Friday night. Bascomb was high man with a single score of 226 and a three string total of 550. The totals were (first game) Captains, 2478, Ethan Allen 2187; (second game) Captains 2305, Ethan Allen 2205.

The league standing is as follows:

	W	L	Pct.	P. F.
Calumets	15	3	.833	885
Pastimes	10	6	.625	788
Ethan Allen	4	3	.571	749
Queen City	4	8	.333	786
Captains	4	8	.333	751
Champlain	3	12	.200	751

FIRE LOSS OF \$75,000
IN PASSUMPSICVermont Village Was Threatened by
Flames Today, Being Saved by
the Utter Absence
of Wind.

St. Johnsbury, Dec. 19.—The Passumpsic Millers Leather company and the grain and flour mill of E. T. and H. E. Ide and company in the village of Passumpsic were destroyed by fire today. The total loss is estimated at \$75,000. The entire absence of wind prevented the partial destruction of the village.

"DOC" DOWNING DEAD.

Well Known Northfield Citizen Died Sat-
urday Night.

Northfield, Dec. 19.—Arthur E. Downing, a well known citizen of this town, died Saturday night at 11 o'clock of typhoid fever, after a little over a week's illness. The deceased had conducted a barber shop here for many years and was known by his friends everywhere as "Doc" Downing. He was 49 years of age and was born in the town of Washington. He is survived by two sons, Guy and Ernest of this village and a daughter, Mrs. Maude Eastman, in Massachusetts. He was a member of the Odd Fellows lodge.

The funeral will be held Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock.

PLUNGED KNIFE
INTO BREASTEarly Morning Stabbing Affray
at White River Junction

J. LUCAS IS THE VICTIM

In a Critical Condition as Result of
Being Turned on by Dan Living-
ston — Latter Escaped but
Was Caught.

White River Junction, Dec. 19.—Yard Conductor J. Lucas of the Central Vermont railroad was seriously stabbed in the left side this morning by Dan Livingston.

Lucas had ordered Livingston out of a switch house in the railroad yard, the latter refusing to leave.

Lucas proceeded to use force. Livingston turned on him and plunged a knife into the left side, penetrating a lung. Livingston escaped. Deputy Sheriff Hoar and Stratford discovered Livingston some time later on the New Hampshire side of the river. He was arrested and came across the state line voluntarily and is now confined in the station.

Lucas was taken to the American House and medical aid summoned, and was later taken to his home. He is in a serious condition.

BARRE'S BUSY STORES
READY FOR HOLIDAYSExcellent Display of Christmas Gifts
Arranged for the Purchaser This
Week — Dry Goods
Stores Today.

Up-to-date and ready as usual, the merchants of Barre are receiving the holiday shoppers in large numbers, and only a good snowfall is necessary to make a very busy season. The five dry goods stores were among the first to get ready for the trade and their stocks of goods are as complete as they ever were at the holiday season.

The first of the five in point of establishment is Perry's in the old city building. The display window contains three arches and from the center one a star is suspended. The window is full of Christmas gifts as is the store, including a fine stock of furs, opera bags, burnt work, shell work, kimono, dress, and other articles. At Abbott's "Daylight Store" there is unusual activity for the holiday season. The windows and the store show the results of much labor and attract large crowds. In one of the two windows a really, truly electric railroad which carries small passengers of the doll size. The railroad is called the "Intercity" and the fare is only five cents. Mr. Demers, the window decorator has a catching design here, as also in the other window which is backed by a crescent-shaped lattice work in green and white. At the points of each crescent Christmas balls in white are suspended over the stairway, from each of which there are streamers controlled by three white doves. The ceiling of the store is concealed in a network of handkerchiefs.

The three windows of Homer Fitts store give evidence of what is within. The most striking decoration is "The Star of Bethlehem," a deep recess of handkerchiefs representing a stall, with the manger, over which is a bright star. Two figures complete the design. The second and third windows contain the usual varied assortment of Christmas gifts, including Mrs. Cummins' decorated chair.

The two windows of Veale & Knight who are in the Currier building are full of things which make excellent Christmas gifts. The background of the windows is in red and white, set off with colored lights. Fine lace curtains, pillow covers, catch-all bags, gloves, umbrellas, and very many other articles complete the array, all of which will appeal to ladies out on a shopping tour.

At the Vaughan Store in the Drown block there are loaded counters for the holiday trade. Mrs. Vaughan having made arrangements for a successful trade. His holiday trade, Mr. Vaughan having made plans. One contains gifts of various descriptions and in the other is a pretty Christmas design, an arch from which a star is suspended. Red, white and blue lights add to the effectiveness of the display.

All the stores are in a position to satisfy the most exacting holiday shoppers, and in each establishment an extra force of clerks has been added to attend to the rush which will close this week.

The Barre Art Store on Pearl street should perhaps be included in the list of dry goods stores, but the reporter was nonplussed when informed that practically everything the store has on hand and everything that it can get is now and Christmas has been spoken for. Still there may be a few articles that do not come under this list. At any rate we suspect that Mrs. Richardson and Mrs. Campbell will be pleased to see their lady friends.

Native of Chelsea Was 100 Years Old.

Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 19.—A native of Chelsea died at Geneseo, at the remarkable age of 100 years.

MR. BRADLEY
HAS RESIGNEDUniversalist Pastor to Leave
Barre Church.

LETTER READ YESTERDAY

The Rev. Asa M. Bradley Came to the
Church from Sangerville, Maine, Last
April — His Plans for Fu-
ture Indefinite.

At the First Universalist church yesterday, the pastor, Rev. Asa M. Bradley, after reading the weekly notices, surprised his congregation by reading a letter of resignation as minister of the church, to take effect at such a time as can be agreed upon by the church committee. The annual meeting of the church comes on December 27, and Mr. Bradley's resignation will be acted upon at that time.

The Rev. Mr. Bradley came to this parish last April from Sangerville, Me.

REV. ASA M. BRADLEY
Who Resigned His Pastorate Yesterday

succeeding the Rev. Effie K. M. Jones and during his short pastorate here has made many friends by his genial manner, and open heartedness. There will be many expressions of regret over his decision. No other reasons were stated by Mr. Bradley for his resignation than are given in the following letter which is a copy of the notice to the congregation.

"Officers and members of the Universalist parish of Barre, friends and co-workers: The time for your annual meeting when you must make your arrangements for the ensuing year is approaching. Since April 1st I have been your minister. The result of these months of hard service convinces me that it is unwise for either party that the present relations be continued. I herewith tender my resignation as your pastor to take effect at such time as may be agreed between your committee and myself.

"I take this opportunity to express my appreciation to those who have given me their aid and sympathy in the furtherance of our work.

"It is of highest importance that you have a minister in charge as soon as practicable and for this I have anticipated the call for your meeting that you may be prepared to act accordingly.

Asa M. Bradley.

Mr. Bradley stated today that he had not definitely decided on his plans for the future.

CHARMING RECEPTION
TO REV. MR. ROBERTSGiven Saturday Evening by Three Barre
Ladies at the Home of Mrs. N.
D. Phelps on Park
Street.

At the residence of Mrs. Nelson D. Phelps on Park street a charming reception was given Saturday evening by Mrs. Phelps, Mrs. W. F. Shepard and Mrs. B. W. Bralley in honor of the Rev. Brian C. Roberts, who recently resigned as pastor of the Church of the Good Shepherd to go to the Episcopal church in Dorchester, Mass. The Rev. Mr. Roberts has been greatly interested in the work of the Ladies' Civic Federation during his residence in Barre, and the reception Saturday evening was given by the three hostesses more especially for the ladies of the Federation, under whose auspices the Rev. Mr. Roberts has delivered lectures on art and to whom he has loaned paintings, besides being actively engaged in the children's work. His interest in the work for the betterment of the city has been greatly appreciated by the ladies of the city improvement society.

The reception was quite largely attended and was a very pleasant affair. The guests were received by Mrs. Phelps, Mrs. Shepard and Mrs. Bralley, with the Rev. Mr. Roberts, between the hours of seven and nine. Mrs. Fred Rogers and Mrs. Fred Fisher attended at the door and Mrs. L. M. Averill conducted the guests to the dining room, where Mrs. W. E. Lazelle and Mrs. F. B. Cate poured. A collation was served, the caterer being Mrs. Smith of Montpelier. The dining room was beautifully decorated. In the center of the table was a mirror banked with smilax. From the chandelier festoons of pink and green were suspended, and on the sideboard a profusion of carnations added much to the beauty of the arrangement. The pleasure of the evening was greatly enhanced by music furnished by Gilbertson's orchestra.

PRIZE WINNERS.

William Cordiner First in F. H. Rogers
& Co.'s Literary Contest.

F. H. Rogers & Co. recently offered ten prizes to school children who sent in short essays on The Origin of Our Thanksgiving Day. Thirty-two were submitted, which were given to Rev. F. A. Poole and H. G. Woodruff to determine the winners. They decided as follows: First prize, William Cordiner; second prize, Harold J. Gordon, Nathan Veina, D. Vernon Wells; third prize, Ray O. Worthen, J. Edward Scott, Philip Halvosa; fourth prize, Harold Morse, Emory J. Newhall, Clarke Tynitor.

The essay of the first prize winner is printed below:

The Origin and History of Our Thanksgiving Day.

Fond as the Pilgrims were of social enjoyment, they had found no day of rest since landing except the sacred day of worship. Their first harvest having been gathered, therefore, they decided to combine a period of recreation, and thanksgiving for their many blessings. A round of festivities lasting three days was indulged in, Massachusetts and ninety of his Indians taking part. Two years later, in 1623, a day of fasting and prayer in the midst of drought was changed into thanksgiving by the coming of rain during the prayer. The festival was often repeated during that and the ensuing century. Annually during the Revolution and also in 1784, Congress recommended days of thanksgiving. Washington appointed such a day in 1789 and also in 1795. In 1815, Madison appointed a day of thanksgiving for the return of peace as Congress has done in 1784. In 1789, the Episcopal church formally recognized the civil government's authority to appoint such a feast. In 1888, nearly a century later, the Roman Catholic church also decided to honor the festival. Of late years, the custom of appointing a thanksgiving day by the governors of states, long confined to New England, has been adopted throughout the country. The President's proclamation, however, usually appears first. Since 1863, presidents have always issued these proclamations, usually appointing the last Thursday in November Thanksgiving day.

HIS NOSE BROKEN.

Also His Face Gashed — Carl N. Bened-
ict Has Bad Accident.

Carl N. Benedict of Eastern Avenue is laid up at his home on Summer street with a broken nose, gashed face and other bruises, the result of an accident Saturday afternoon. About four o'clock Mr. Benedict went to the paint shop over his blacksmith shop on Summer street to get a sleigh. The arrangement for taking vehicles up and down is the same as is usually built at shops of that kind, a sloping roadway, with steps in the middle.

Mr. Benedict, who is a very heavy man, started to walk down backwards, holding the sleigh by the rear braces. The roadway was icy and the sleigh got better of him, compelling him to hurry, and he slipped. That was the last he knew until coming to consciousness at his home last night. He was picked up by Mr. Bressaw and Mr. Farnham of East Montpelier and taken to his home. Dr. M. L. Chandler was called and was obliged to take eight stitches in a gash across his face, and dress his badly crushed nose. Mr. Benedict is feeling decidedly lame this morning, but is getting along nicely.

ODD LADIES ELECTION.

Adjunct of Granite City Lodge Choose
Officers Last Week.

At the meeting of Granite City Lodge, I. O. O. F., M. U., on Friday evening the following officers were elected: N. G., Bella Anderson; P. N. G., Etta Gamble; V. G., Mattie Cannon; P. S., Mattie Reaside; E. S., Anna Lawson; treas., Ina Morrison; warlen, Katherine Veale; chaplain, Minnie Burgess; conductress, Anna Smith; I. G., Kate Crowley; O. G., Maggie Gordon; R. S. to N. G., Jennie Murray; L. S. to N. G., Christina McKenzie; R. S. to V. G., Emma Cote; L. S. to V. G., Georgiana Forbes; trustees, Jennie Murray, one year; Arena Spencer, two years; Margaret Ritchie, three years; physician, Joe W. Jackson; delegate to district meeting at Fall River, Mattie Cannon.

POLICE STATION A COURT.

Two Barre Town Arrests Fined for In-
toxication.

The local police station was turned into a justice court this forenoon when two men arrested in the town of Barre were brought before Justice C. N. Barre for trial. The men were Gus Garvin and William Wright, the latter claiming to come from Lisbon, N. H. They are lumbermen and were arrested by Warren Howland, formerly chief of police of this city, assisted by Deputies Camp and Slayton of this city. Garvin was assessed \$12.50 for a first try and Wright \$23.50 for the second time. The former paid and the other wants to pay. Grand Juror A. A. Gove prosecuted.

MEET TONIGHT.

New City Hospital Corporation Will
Elect Officers.

The signers of the incorporation papers of the Barre City Hospital will meet at the city court room this evening at 8 o'clock for the purpose of electing officers and adopting by-laws. There are quite a few additional names to be voted on as members of the corporation.

Surprise Party Saturday Evening.

Miss Hazel Wilkenson was given a surprise party by about twenty of her young friends at the home of her sister, Mrs. Robert Troup, 565 North Main street, Saturday evening. Music was furnished on the phonograph and what and other games were played. Coffee and cake were served and a very pleasant evening was spent by all. Before the party broke up they presented Miss Wilkenson a lovely gold bracelet.

LOCKOUT
SITUATIONBarre Branch is Waiting for
Instructions

FROM NATIONAL UNION

Meeting Saturday Evening Referred the
Whole Trouble to That Body —
Believed That Settlement Will
Soon Be Reached.

The third day of the lock-out in the granite industry of Barre and vicinity, like the second, has been a wait for developments. Yet on all sides there is an undercurrent of feeling hereabouts that the differences will be adjusted soon in the stone sheds. Business was, of course, at a standstill today, and will be until a settlement is reached. Everything now depends upon the action of the executive committee of the national union which has been appealed to by the Barre Branch, G. C. N. U.

The latter, at its special meeting held at the opera house Saturday evening, heard the whole recital of the trouble which originated at the shed of the E. B. Ellis Granite company at Northfield, resulting in the strike of 260 men employed therein and ending in the complete lock-out by all firms connected with the Barre Manufacturers' association. The cutters' committee which conferred with the bosses Saturday afternoon made their report and the Northfield Branch end of the discussion was also heard. The meeting had to be cut short after one hour and three-quarters, owing to the opera house being engaged by a theatre company for the evening. Before adjournment, however, a resolution was adopted referring the whole matter to the national union of miners and asking for advice as to what action should be taken and on what basis the local union would be backed by the national union. Pending the report from the national committee no advances will be made by the Barre Branch.

A member of the national committee, Alex. Russell, of Quincy, Mass., is in the city and expects to be here until after the marriage of his brother, William Russell, Wednesday.

The Barre Branch will have a meeting in the opera house this evening, beginning at seven o'clock. A meeting of the Italian stonecutters is being held this afternoon in the Miles' hall, to which the workmen of all nationalities were invited. The manufacturers will also hold a meeting this evening at their rooms in the Prindle & Averill block.

As a result of the shutdown a number of men have left for a visit at their former homes, many having gone on the midnight train last night to take passage for Scotland.

Barclay Brothers' Employees.

Apprentices and polishers will start tomorrow morning at quarter past seven. Will pay off tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock, provided cutters do not start in the morning.

Barclay Brothers.

Cutters' Union Meeting.

The regular meeting of Barre Branch, G. C. N. U., will be held at the opera house this evening at 7 o'clock, instead of in Miles' hall.

Alex. Robertson, Secretary.

CONCORD GRANITE SITUATION.

Barre Situation Deplored, But Don't Ex-
pect Any Trouble There.

Concord, N. H., Dec. 17.—While the situation at Barre, Vt., in the granite business is deplored by manufacturers here, it is not felt that it will in any way affect the conditions here. The existing agreements will not be changed until May 1, 1905, when the present bill of prices expires.

JOE'S HORSE IS DEAD.

Went Into River and Over Precipice Un-
scratched, but Was Finished Yesterday.

Joe Durant of Montpelier had a good horse up to yesterday. Now the horse is dead. The same horse Joe drove into the Winooski river recently and still more recently Joe drove the animal over a precipice back of the Marvin house on Seminary Hill in Montpelier. Joe drove the horse to East in Montpelier Center Saturday, and it was the finish. After escaping drowning and a broken neck, with the reins in Joe's hands the animal hid himself down in the village of East Montpelier Saturday and yesterday died. Charles Canton was a companion with the driver.

Sheriff Tracey arrested Durant and the latter will soon be prosecuted by Grand Juror A. A. Gove for intoxication and cruelty to an animal.

MORE CASES IN MONTEPELIER.

Scarlet Fever Victims Are Increased by
Three Last Week.

There is more scarlet fever in Montpelier. Two children residing at the Marvin farm between this city and Montpelier, who attend school in Montpelier, are down with the disease, and a child in Miss Foster's room in the East State street school building there came down with scarlet fever last week. The room has been closed. All the Montpelier schools will close Wednesday for the holiday vacation.